(b) and (c) There is no apparent threat to Konkan Railways due to rise in sea level. Konkan area is prone to heavy to very heavy rainfall during monsoon months, for which IMD issues heavy rainfall warnings.

Technology for increasing paddy production

1767. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technology Information Forecasting Assessment Council has developed a technology, which having been tried in Bihar, resulted in trebling the production of paddy; and

(b) if so, whether the technology has been tried in other regions also, if so, the details thereof and the resultant increase in productivity thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes Sir, Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council has promoted and facilitated the adoption of a 'Systems Approach' using scientific agronomic practices to suit the prevalent local agro-climatic conditions in low productive areas of Sone Command distributaries of Patna district, Bihar in a demonstrative project mode. Farmers who have adopted this technology have obtained enhanced yields in paddy crop by 2 to 3 times of earlier productivity levels.

(b) Systems Approach has also been adopted in Deoria and Balia districts of eastern UP in projects made, and farmers who have adopted the technology have obtained enhanced yields in paddy crop by about two times.

Bus services between India and Pakistan

1768 SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bus services existing between India and Pakistan so far;

(b) the revenue earned so far in each case; and

(c) the passengers journeyed so far in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) So far only one point-to-point bus service between India and Pakistan, namely, Delhi-